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Dear Mike,

As we look to the future of our great State of Utah, I believe all leaders and citizens of our state hope and expect it will be a future of growth and prosperity. The one limiting factor that looms over the otherwise unlimited potential of our State is water. This resource must not be manipulated or withheld from the citizens of the State to whom it, along with all natural resources, rightly belongs for their use and benefit.

The people, as sovereigns, expect their servants in government at all levels not only to be good stewards over the assets they have been charged with overseeing, but most certainly the sovereign citizens expect their government and those who exercise its limited authority to uphold the law.

We are presently faced with a situation that undoubtedly leaves the sovereign citizens of this state wondering if their servants in government are abiding by either of these imperative principles.

The policy has been established, and the courts have mandated that water areas in the state be reviewed and adjudicated. While generally this policy and these court edicts have been upheld, this process has not been completed in Salt Lake area 57. No explanation or justification for this is apparent, considering that the policy has been longstanding and the court cases date back to June 21, 1972 and September 1, 1994.

The failure to uphold the law in this instance has very real and adverse impacts on many of the sovereign citizens of this great state, and might seem to indicate contemptuous abuses by individuals holding authority within a few government entities.

This must be remedied immediately. If the people observe government officials who do not uphold the law, it undermines the very foundations of our form of government. This is especially true when such officials flaunt the law to advance their own agenda. This state presently suffers from too many such instances. It is within your power to put one of them right. I urge you to do so, and to keep faith with the sovereign citizens of this state whom we both strive to serve.

Respectfully,

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cc: John R. Huntsman, Jr., Governor
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